

body's known this was coming. Senator Chambers made no bones about what was coming. I certainly, by amendments filed, made no bones as to what was coming on this particular issue. So twice today I gave the body a chance, once this morning and once later this afternoon, to say, listen, we can take care of some of these other things before we get bogged down. That wasn't a decision that I had made, Senator Schmit, or anyone else. Those were no wagons circled around poor Senator Labez who can't defend herself. That was an issue that the body decided. The body decided it did not want to take up those particular things. It did not want to move on to those particular items knowing what was going to part... knowing what was going to happen on LB 854. And I feel very comfortable with that now. If it had been simply me bringing up the issues, debating it forever or as long as I could, and it was, I felt, part of the responsibility of not getting there was mine, I'd feel very bad about that. But when the body's given a clear decision of what it wants to do and it twice says, no, we do not want to do that, then I do not feel that badly. And I also know that some of the ideas that Senator Schmit has talked about on LB 1059, and I'm not going to debate those here, but I do know if they were that important they would have been offered earlier and I know it's something that can be dealt with at a later time. That part doesn't bother me. I'm very comfortable with that. I'm always intrigued about his suggestions of retaliation there were, and that may be. Something Senator Scofield said intrigued me a great deal, and I have been fascinated that I haven't heard anyone from the other side respond to that, and that is a part of the bill that basically says to the women of the State of Nebraska that we don't believe that you're intelligent enough to make these decisions; we don't believe that you know what's in your best interests; we don't believe that, even though you've been being... are being told certain things, that you really understand. And it is fascinating. I'd really be interested if many of you took the bill and actually let some of the... your constituents actually read it that were women to see what, in fact, their reaction would be. I'd be fascinated to change the bill around somehow so it affected men in the same way on a different issue and feel what the men would say about forcing them to have certain bits of counseling, forcing them to wait before they can actually do something that they've decided that they want to do. It would be interesting.

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.